

Committee Meetings

REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Rural Development, and Credit held a hearing entitled “To review the State of the Livestock Industry”. Testimony was heard from Joseph Glauber, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a markup on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill FY 2015. The bill was ordered reported to the Full Committee without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a markup on H.R. 4435, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015”. The bill was forwarded to the Full Committee without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a markup on H.R. 4435, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015”. The bill was forwarded to the Full Committee without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a markup on H.R. 4435, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015”. The bill was forwarded, as amended, to the Full Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a markup on H.R. 4435, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015”. The bill was forwarded to the Full Committee without amendment.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WAR ON POVERTY: LESSONS FROM THE FRONTLINES

Committee on The Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Progress Report on the War on Poverty: Lessons from the Frontlines”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 2689, the “Energy Savings Through Public-Private Partnerships Act”; H.R. 4092, the “Streamlining Energy Efficiency for Schools Act of 2014”; and H.R. 6, the “Domestic Property and Global Freedom Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2689; H.R. 4092; and H.R. 6.

EXAMINING HOW TECHNOLOGY CAN PROMOTE CONSUMER FINANCIAL LITERACY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Examining How Technology Can Promote Consumer Financial Literacy”. Testimony was heard from Alice Puente Cackley, Director, Financial Services and General Government Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4490, the “United States International Communications Reform Act of 2014”; H.R. 4028, to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom; H. Res. 520, calling for an end to attacks on Syrian civilians and expanded humanitarian access; and H. Con. Res. 51, Immediate Establishment of Syrian War Crimes Tribunal Resolution. The following bills and resolutions were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4490; H.R. 4028; H. Res. 520; and H. Con. Res. 51.

ASSESSING U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PRIORITIES IN SOUTH ASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Assessing U.S. Foreign Assistance Priorities in South Asia”. Testimony was heard from Nisha Biswal, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; and Denis Rollins, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3283, the “Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2013”; H.R. 4007, the “Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program Authorization and Accountability Act of

2014”; and H.R. 4228, the “DHS Acquisition Accountability and Efficiency Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3283; H.R. 4007; and H.R. 4228.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on The Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3530, the “Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2013”; H.R. 3610, the “Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act of 2013”; H.R. 4225, the “Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation Act of 2014”; H.R. 776, the “Security in Bonding Act of 2013”; and, H.R. 306, for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic. The following bills were ordered reported as amended: H.R. 776; H.R. 4225; H.R. 3610; and H.R. 3530. The bill H.R. 306 was ordered reported without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4315, the “21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act”; H.R. 4316, the “Endangered Species Recovery Transparency Act”; H.R. 4317, the “State, Tribal, and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act”; and H.R. 4318, the “Endangered Species Litigation Reasonableness Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4315; and H.R. 4316. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4317; and H.R. 4318.

EXAMINING THE EFFECT OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS EXPORTS ON U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements held a hearing entitled “Examining the Effect of Liquefied Natural Gas Exports on U.S. Foreign Policy”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Smith, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; and Amos Hochstein, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy Diplomacy, Bureau of Energy Resources, Department of State.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “An Overview of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2015”. Testimony was heard from Kathryn Sullivan, Undersecretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Depart-

ment of Commerce, and Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

SBA-CREATED INITIATIVES: NECESSARY OR REDUNDANT SPENDING

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “SBA-created Initiatives: Necessary or Redundant Spending?”. Testimony was heard from Rhett Jeppson, Associate Administrator, Office of Veterans Business Development, Small Business Administration; Tameka Montgomery, Associate Administrator, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, United States Small Business Administration; Javier Saade, Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation, Small Business Administration.

AIR SERVICE TO SMALL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “Air Service to Small and Rural Communities”. Testimony was heard from Susan Kurland, Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, Department of Transportation; Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Civil Aviation Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

IDEAS TO IMPROVE MEDICARE OVERSIGHT TO REDUCE WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Ideas to Improve Medicare Oversight to Reduce Waste, Fraud and Abuse”. Testimony was heard from Gloria L. Jarmon, Deputy Inspector General, Audit Services, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Kathleen King, Director of Health, Government Accountability Office; and Shantanu Agrawal, M.D., Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

Joint Meetings

CUTTING RED TAPE

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the first step to cutting red tape, focusing on a better analysis, after receiving testimony from Jay Timmons, National Association of Manufacturers, Washington, D.C.; John D. Graham, Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Bloomington; Michael Greenstone, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; and Shaye R. Mandle, LifeScience Alley, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MAY 1, 2014**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Jobs, Rural Economic Growth and Energy Innovation, to hold hearings to examine the importance of regional strategies in rural economic development, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on the Ukrainian crisis and Russia, 2 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine exploring social impact bonds, focusing on investing in what works, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine shortages on gas, focusing on a look into propane shortages this winter, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President's 2014 Trade Policy Agenda, 11:40 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1720, to promote transparency in patent ownership and make other improvements to the patent system, and the nominations of Carlos Eduardo Mendoza, and Paul G. Byron, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Darrin P. Gayles, and Beth Bloom, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Deirdre M. Daly, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, and James Walter Frazer Green, to be United States At-

torney for the Middle District of Louisiana, both of the Department of Justice, and Elisebeth Collins Cook, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, markup on H.R. 4435, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015", 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, markup on H.R. 4435, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015", 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Telehealth to Digital Medicine: How 21st Century Technology Can Benefit Patients", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Enhance Capital Formation for Small and Emerging Growth Companies, Part II", 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "The Central African Republic: from "Pre-genocide" to Genocide?", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Benghazi, Instability and a New Government: Success and Failures of U.S. Intervention in Libya", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Ongoing Intelligence Activities", 9 a.m., 304-HVC. This is a closed hearing.